GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TERRORISM IN THE COUNTRY
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR;RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that after fall of Taliban in Afghanistan, the Taliban soliders may try to sneak into Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether any attempt by Taliban soliders to enter Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of the country to help militants operating in the country has been made or any support from them to Pakistan troops across the border detected so far;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether intelligence and internal security agencies have been alerted to deal with the situation; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Though there have not been specific intelligence reports to indicate that Taliban soldiers from Afghanistan have been trying to enter J&K, however, the possibility of Taliban soldiers, especially those from Pak / PoK attempting to infiltrate into J&K following their defeat in Afghanistan cannot be ruled out.

(d) & (e): The security forces and intelligence agencies have been sensitized about the above possibility. In addition, to contain terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, inter alia, strengthening border management to check infiltration pro-active action against terrorists within J&K, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional frame work of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces and continued and periodic review and refinement of strategies of security forces and intelligence agencies at UHQs and in various Operations Groups and Intelligence Groups to counter the changing contours of terrorism related challenges.